City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 12th June, 1876.

The Council met this evening in the Council Chamber at the usual hour. Present—His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and Aldermen Pritchard, Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Murray, McPhail, Skinner, Ross, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Lewis, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Thompson, Hiscox, Williams, Jones, McColl.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and signed by the Mayor.

The following communications were received :

From John Winnett, stating that if the ditch on Colborne street was not repaired, that he would place the matter in the hands of the Solicitor. Referred to the Board of Works.

From Professor Marcus Chisholm, asking for the use of the City Hall for a musical concert. Granted on payment of current expenses.

From John Winlow, asking for the use of the City Hall free on the 23rd of June, for the purpose of a concert and festival to be given by C. of E. Y. M. A. Granted.

From W. R. Meredith, stating that in the case of Lawrence vs. the City of London—the plaintiff had failed to get a new trial granted, and asking for instructions in reference to recovering costs of defence from plaintiff. Referred to Finance Committee.

From E. A. Taylor, account $27.10, and M. D. Dawson, Herald, $44.54. Referred to the Finance and Printing Committees.

From the License Commissioners, asking the assistance of the police to assist in carrying out the license law.

From James Armstrong, Warden of Middlesex, as follows :

London, June 8th, 1876.

D. C. Mcedonald, Esq., Mayor of the City of London.

Dear Sir,—I beg to advise you that a committee has been appointed by this Council, with full powers to settle with a similar committee of your Council (should such a committee be appointed) the respective amounts to be paid by each corporation for the repairing and maintaining of the Jail and Court House, said committee to report at the present session. Should your Council wish to settle the matter in this way, it will be necessary to have your committee appointed immediately.

I have the honor to be,
Your obd't serv't,
J. Armstrong.
Warden of Middlesex.

D. C. Macdonald, Esq.,
Mayor of London

Ald. Rapley said that he met Mr. Langmuir on the cars, and had a conversation with him about the jail. The Inspector advised the London City Council not to spend money on the old building, as it would be comparatively useless. The present structure could not be altered so as to make it a suitable building.

Ald Christie was opposed to spending money on an old building which would be condemned in three or four years.

Ald. Lewis moved, that the matter be referred to a special committee, to confer with the committee appointed by the County Council, to act under the advice of the city solicitor, and report to the Council. The following to compose the committee : Aldermen Lewis, Christie, Campbell, Partridge, jr., Fitzgerald and Minhinnick.

Ald. Henderson moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee,

to act under the instructions of the city solicitor, confer with the committee of the County Council and report. Carried, 11 veting in its favor.

From Dr. Lancaster, as follows:

D C. McDonald, Esq., Mayor of the City of London:

SIR,—When the discussion took place before the former council, in reference to the City Hospital, I think it was plainly understood by the members, as well as by me, that Dr. Tufford and myself were on the medical staff of the hospital, and that our duty was to attend all patients who preferred homœopathic treatment, and our patients were not to be interfered with either by the hospital physician or by the attending allopathic doctors. We were to have the steward of the hospital as the person to attend our patients, and see that all directions given by us were to be carried out by him.

Now, sir, as these arrangements have been entirely interfered with, and new constructions placed upon the decision of the council, I feel aggrieved, and I am not willing to submit to such arbitrary management without, at least, remonstrating against it.

In the first place, the by-law was badly cooked, after leaving the council, to suit the allopathic doctors—and by the present code, neither Dr. Tufford nor myself are on the hospital staff in any sense whatever. We may attend those who desire homœopathic treatment, but the privileges of members of the medical staff are denied us, and thus an invidious distinction is made against us, as homœopathic practitioners, and in favor of allopathy. We are not allowed to witness surgical operations ourselves, and our students are deprived of the privilege of witnessing operative surgery, which to them might be of great advantage.

I wish also to bring to your notice the fact that my patients have been interfered with in various ways by attending Allopathic doctors, and all manner of slurs thrown out against the practice of their choice, and their minds kept in continual confusion by these means, and their condition greatly aggravated by such interference.

One of the great objects of my sacrificing time and money by attending patients at the hospital, and furnishing medicine free of charge, is to show the vastly superior nature of Homœpathic medicine, not only in its power to greatly relieve human suffering, but to decrease the mortality of the patients at a vastly less expense to the city, and while Homœpathy represents at least one-fourth of the tax-paying portion of the community, I consider it is but just and right that the system should have fair play at your hands.

Trusting that such steps will be taken by yourself and the Council over which you have the honor to preside as shall give the Homœpathic system its just due, I remain, sir, your humble seavant,

J. J. LANCASTER, M.D.,
Registered Homœpathic Physician and Surgeon.

The communication was referred to the Hospital Committee.

The application of the License Commissioners was next taken up.

On motion, Chief of Police Wigmore was heard in reference to the matter.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ald. Sutherland, that the Council recommend the Police Commissioners not to increase the police force, but that if additional detectives are required that they be appointed by the License Commissioners.

Ald. Christie moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the communication of the License Commissioners be referred to the License Committee to report. Carried.

Ald. Pritchard asked why the Finance Committee had not reported the names of taxpayers in arrears.

Ald. Lewis — The motion of Ald. Pritchard has brought a considerable amount of money into the city treasury. It is a delicate matter to publish the names of parties in arrears. I have a resolution to offer which I think will meet the case.

Ald. Williams submitted the report of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee, as follows:

Your Committee recommend the undermentioned payments:

Mr. Sanders for sheeting for the water tank at the Fireman's Hall, $42.28. Also the purchase of a light wagon to carry hose, etc., to and from fires, and

for visiting and carrying material to repair the telegraph wires. Cost not to exceed $75.

Your Committee having received the within communication from the Chief of the Fire Department, the undermentioned changes are recommended:

First. That the force be reduced from 20 to 15 men of all ranks; five to be permanent, and to reside at the Fireman's Hall; nine to be at call.

Second. That the pay of the Department be as follows:

Chief Engineer	$1,000	Permanently Employed.
First Engineer	600	
Second Engineer	500	
Engine Driver	400	
Hose Driver	365	
Foreman at call	200	
4 Branchmen at $150	600	
5 ordinary Firemen at 100	500	
Total	$4,165	

Your Committee are induced to carry out the views of the Chief of the Ffre Department in consequence of the experience and zeal on all occasions displayed by Mr. Wastie for the benefit of this corporation.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the report be deferred until the next meeting of the Council. Carried.

Ald. McPhail submitted the report of the Board of Works submitted at the last meeting of the Council published in the HERALD, and also the following supplementary report:

1st. In reference to the petition from residents of the eastern part of the city, in the neighborhood of Adelaide street, near oil refineries, it was referred to sub-Committee of the Board of Works to report on as soon as possible.

2nd. Relative to the petition from T. E. O'Callaghan and others, for crossings on Ridout street, on corners of Carling and Ridout streets, near Green, Peters & Co., the Board recommend that a good crossing be made across Ridout street to O'Callaghan's corner, and that a gravel crossing be made on Carling street west.

3rd. In reference to the report of the Board of Works referred back to the Committe, it was recommended that the same report be presented to the Council, adding the second supplementary report thereto, as handed in by the Engineer and Street Commissioner.

Ald. McPhail moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Ald. Jones.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved an amendment to the report, that all work done amounting to over $20, be let by public tender. In one place over $200 had been expended without any tender. He opposed this system.

Ald. Murray seconded Ald. Fitzgerald's amendment.

The amendment was declared out of order, a resolution to the same effect being on the books.

Ald. Henderson moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the $2,000 for contingencies be struck out, and that the appropriation be $8,000 instead of $10,000.

Report adopted—11 for, 8 against.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that this Council grant the sum of $200 to the 7th Battalion band.

Ald. Pritcherd moved, that, in future, no colluction be allowed to be taken up at the Park gates or on the grounds.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the matter be referred to the Park Committee, the committee also to report as to the advisability of admitting carriages.

Ald. Jones' resolution was allowed to stand as notice of motion, and the motion of Ald. Christie was carried.

Ald. Lewis moved, seconded by Ald. Minhinnick, that all persons who shall not have paid their taxes for 1875 by the first day of July next, be required to pay an additional tax of 10 per cent. after that date, and that a by-law be prepared to that effect.

While Ald. Ross was speaking to the motion, 11 o'clock arrived, and on motion the Council adjourned for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 26th June, 1876.

The Council met in the Council Chamber, at the usual hour. Present —His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and Aldermen Campbell, McPhail, Ross, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Pritchard, Partridge, jr., Brown, Jones, Skinner, Murray, Thompson, Sutherland, McColl, Lewis, Fitzgerald, Henderson, Hiscox, Minhinnick.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

The following communications were received:

From Joseph Lowrie, inviting the Mayor and members of the Board to the formal opening of the Windsor waterworks on the 1st of July next. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From F. Westlake, asking that the sidewalk in front of his block, corner of Talbot and Maple streets be repaired. Referred to the Board of Works.

From W. C. L. Gill, asking that the Registry office be cleaned up and repaired. Referred to the Board of Works.

From J. Johnson, Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa, asking payment of duty on steam fire engine. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From D. G. McKenzie, County Clerk, stating that Mr. John Waters had been appointed arbitrator for the County of Middlesex, in reference to the maintenance of prisoners, and repairs to the county jail. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From W. H. Fraser, Centennial Exhibition, Philadelphia, stating that a number of distinguished visitors intended to visit Canada, and requesting the Mayor to issue formal invitations.

From J. W. Duncan, offering $2,200 for the Guthrie Home and 40 acres of land. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From L. W. Owen, calling the attention of the council to the dangerous state of the bridge over Hunt's mill race, Ridout street.

From Thomas P. Webb, asking remission of tax on personal property. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Laing, McPherson & Co., Police Clothing, $258.32. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Irwin & Co., $12 for six copies of the city directory.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that the account be fyled. Carried.

In reference to the communication of Mr. Owen,

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, that the street commissioner and City Engineer be instructed to have the bridge over Hunt's mill race put in a proper state of repair, and that the opinion of the City Solicitor be had as to who is responsible therefor.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Lewis, that the matter be referred to the Board of Works with power.

The amendment of Ald. Christie was carried; 10 for, 7 against.

Ald. Campbell moved that the communication of Mr. W. H. Fraser be referred to the Finance Committee.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Henderson, that the communication of Mr. W. H. Fraser be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Mayor, Aldermen Campbell, McColl, Ross, McPhail and Christie. Lost.

Ald. Campbell's motion was carried.

On motion, Mr. W. R. Meredith, M. P., was heard before the Council in reference to the laying of Water Pipes from Phillips' mill to the residences of Messrs.

Blackburn, W. R. Meredith, and Joseph Jeffrey.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the request be granted, and that the work be done under the supervision of the City Engineer. Carried.

Ald. Sutherland moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the offer of Mr. Middlemore be not entertained, but that the property be sold entire. Carried.

Ald. Pritchard moved that the whole property be offered to Mr. Middlemore for the sum of $2,500. Not seconded.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Henderson, in amendment, that the Finance Committee be authorized to receive tenders for the purchase of the Ross farm and the strip of land on the Hamilton Road and report to this Council.

Ald. Lewis said that the Finance Committee had not received any instructions in reference to the sale of the Ross farm.

The resolutions of Ald. Christie and Ald. Sutherland were both carried.

Ald. Williams submitted the report of the Committee of Fire, Water and Gas, submitted at the last meeting of the Council, as follows:

Your committee recommend the undermentioned payments:

Mr. Sanders, for sheeting for the water tank at the Fireman's Hall, $42 28. Also the purchase of a light wagon to carry hose, etc., to and from fires, and for visiting and carrying material to repair the telegraph wires; cost not to exceed $75.

Your committee having received the within communication from the Chief of the Fire Department, the undermentioned changes are recommended.

First. That the force be reduced from 20 to 15 men of all ranks; five to be permanent, and to reside at the Fireman's Hall; nine to be at call.

Second. That the pay of the department be as follows:

Chief Engineer	$1,000	Permanently employed.
First Engineeer	600	
Second Engineer	500	
Engine Driver	400	
Hose Driver	365	
Foreman at call	200	
5 Branchmen at $150	600	
4 Ordinary Firemen at $100	500	
Total	$4,165	

Your committee are induced to carry out the views of the Chief of the Fire Department in consequence of the experience and zeal on all occasions displayed by Mr. Wastie for the benefit of this corporation.

The report was committed, Ald. Pritchard in the chair. 1st clause read.

Ald. Christie asked if the tenders had been asked by public advertisment for the supply of this carriage. All the carriage makers in the city should have a chance to tender.

Ald. Williams—The contract has been given to Mr. Plummer.

Clause passed.

Second clause read.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved, that the whole clause be struck out.

Ald. Lewis moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the clause pass.

Ald. Campbell moved in amendment to the report, that the Chief Engineer receive a salary of $600, and be allowed to engage in his employment inside the corporation.

Ald. Christie—I will second the amendment of Ald. Campbell, if he will make the salary $800.

Ald. Campbell consented.

Ald. Murray seconded Ald. Fitzgerald's amendment.

Ald. Sutherland thought at first that our Fire Department was very effective, but on discussing the matter with the Chief he had changed his opinion, and would support the report. He called on Ald. Williams to read the number of times that the men were absent.

Ald. Williams then read the following record of absence:

No. 1—3; No. 2—11; No 3-4; No. 4—4; No. 5—0; No. 6—18; No. 7—6; No. 8—9; No. 9—27; No. 10—13; No. 11—13; No. 12—10; No. 13—15; No.14—3; No. 15—23; No. 16—5; No. 17—3; No. 18—7; No. 19—10; No. 20—?; No. 21—22; No. 22—3; No. 23—3; No. 25—9; No. 26—14.

On motion, Mr. Wastie was heard before the Council

On motion, the 4th rule of order was suspended indefinitely.

The vote was then taken with the following result: For the adoption of the clause, 8; against it, 9. For Ald. Fitzgerald's amendment to strike out the clause, 2; against it, a large majority. In favor of Ald. Campbell's amendment, 8; against it, 9. Lost.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Murray, that Mr. Wastie's salary be $800, and that he be a permanent officer. Lost—7 for and 8 against.

Ald. Minhinnick moved, seconded by Ald. Jones, that the salary of the Chief Engineer be $999. Lost.

On motion the committee rose.

The Mayor decided that the report had been negatived, and that the Council should proceed with the next order of business, and that a two-third vote was required to re-consider the report.

Ald. Henderson moved the re-consideration of the report. Lost—11 to 7.

The entire report was therefore rejected.

Ald. Jones submitted the following report from the License Committee:

The petition of the city draymen, complaining of the by-law not being enforced, your committee recommend that the Chief of Police be instructed to see the same carried out, and those who do not comply be summoned before the P. M.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

Ald. Lewis moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that all taxes for 1875 not paid by the 15th of July next be collected by legal process. Carried.

Ald. Williams, amidst considerable impatience, moved that the license fees of Mr. Gideon Clampit, carter, amounting to $12, be remitted, he being a member of the Volunteer Field Artillery. Carried.

Ald. Ross gave notice that he would move at next meeting that the Fire, Water and Gas Committee be instructed to erect two gas lamps, without delay, one at the corner of Clarence and Bond streets, and the other at the corner of Wellington and Bond streets—at the entrances to the Park.

The Council then adjourned, at 11.55, for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 10th July, 1876.

The Council met in the Council Chamber, at the usual hour. Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair, and Aldermen Campbell, McPhail, Coss, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Pritchard, Partridge, jr., Brown, Jones, Skinner, Murray, Thompson, Sutherland, McColl, Lewis, Fitzgerald, Henderson, Hiscox, Minhinnick.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

Ald. Pritchard said that he had been accused of moving that the communication from the Sasnia council be fyled. He had done nothing of the kind, but was rather in favour of some of the council attending, as a local firm had to do with the enterprise.

Ald. Sutherland said that he had been accused of seconding such a motion, it was incorrect.

The Mayor—I acknowledged the communication, and stated, in my letter, that although the Council could not attend as a body, individual members would be present. I wished the demonstration all success.

Ald. Jones—That's business.

The following communications were received:

From John Pendergast, complaining of over-assessment. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Mary Donnelly, asking for remission of taxes. Referred to Finance Committee.

From W. Patterson, for reduction of taxes. Referred to the Finance Committee

From Edmund Beltz, police caps, $23.75. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Reid & Anderson, stationery, $40.81. Referred to Finance Committee.

From City Gas Co., account for quarter, $1;633.20. Referred to the Fire, Water and Gas and Finance Committee.

Ald. Brown submitted the report of the Hospital and Relief Committee.

London, July 10th, 1876.

To His Worship the Mayor and Corporation of the City of London :

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the monthly account handed in by the steward of the Hospital, and having found them correct have referred them to the Finance Committee for payment, amounting to the sum of four hundred and eighty-eight dollars and fifty-nine cents ($488 59.) J. Beattie, straw, $9.15; J. Beattie, do., $9.50; cab hire, for patient, $1; Bennett, burying patient, $10; T. & E. O'Callaghan, groceries, $100.43; T. & E. O'Callaghan, vegetables, $26.86; Trebilcock, meat, $56.07; Smith, bread, $32.45; Mr. Woodward, milk, $16.80; servants' wages, $43.75; Mitchell, medicine, $26.08; James Adamson, plumbing work, $4.25; Mr. Kirkpatrick, shoes, $11.25; Chisholm & Co., goods, $38.48; Saml. Stewart, goods, $14.03; Matthews, cab hire, $1.50; James Cowan, goods, $32.80; Jno. Ferguson, 1 doz. chairs, $9; Bowman & Co., coal, $18.59; P. Weston, crockery, $6.20; McColl Bros., seeds, &c., $12.36; B. Jarman, burying dead, $8. Total, $488.59.

2nd. Your committee beg leave to report that they have examined the following accounts, as presented in the statement of Relief Officer Hughes, and have found them correct, amounting to $52.12, viz.:

Geo. Parish (goods)		$10 00
Mrs. Harvey (keeping child)		5 00
Mrs. Tuston	"	5 00
David Hughes	" 3 mos.	13 00
R. S. Murray (goods)		15 62
Philip Cook (shoes)		3 50
		$52 12

3rd. And that they have examined the report of relief officer, giving a statement of cash paid, and wood distributed for relief in the different wards, amounting to $71.75, and 2½ cords of wood, viz.: Ward, No.1, $6.75; Ward, No. 2,$16 00; Ward, No. 3, $12 25, wood, 1 cord; Ward, No. 4, $5.50, wood, 1½ cords; Ward, No. 5, $13 25; Ward, No. 6, $7.00; Ward, No. 7, $11.00. Total, $71.75; wood, 2½ cords.

Reports of resident surgeon and hospital stewards are herewith appended for the quarter ending 30th June, giving a statement of the number of patients remaining in Hospital at commencement of quarter; number admitted during quarter; and also the number discharged during the same time, together with the births, deaths and surgical operations performed, as follows:

London General Hospital Report, for quarter ending June 30th, 1876.

Remaining in Hospital on the evening of the 31st day of March, 31 patients, chargeable as follows:

To City of London, 24; to County of Middlesex, 4; Pensioners, 2; to West Wawanosh, 1. Admitted during quarter ending June 30th: from City of London, including 5 births, 52; County of Middlesex, 6; Ty. West Wawanosh, 1; paying patients, 7; Pensioners, 3. Total number under treatment during quarter, 100.

Discharged from hospital during same period: Cured and improved—City of London patients, 50; cured and improved—Co. Middlesex,4; cured and improved, pensioners, 3; cured, Tp. West Wawanosh, 2; cured private patients, 5; died, city of London, paid, 2; died, Co. of Middlesex, paid, 2. Remaining in hospital this 30th day of June—Chargable to city, 24; chargable to county, 4; chargable to pensioners, 2; paying patients, 2. Total, 100.

General expenses during quarter ending June 30th, 1876: groceries, liquors, &c, $284. 65; bread, $93 77; dry goods and clothing, $38. 48; butchers meat, $175. 04; milk. $48. 08; med. and surgical attendance, $62. 38; oil lamps and tin ware, $14. 03; servants salaries $138. 05; potatoes and vegetables, $66. 71; coal, $57. 24; hardware, $32. 84; plumbers work, $4. 25; interments and graves, $8; cab hire, $2. 25; straw for bedding, $18. 65; manure labour and ploughing,$19. 50; Purdon carpenter work, $41. 5; panting, notice board for out gate $3. boots and shoes, $11. 25; furniture (1 dozen chairs) $9; trees for planting, $61. 20; garden seeds $12. 36; total, $1201. 78 cents. Receipts from private patients,pensioners and municipalities not in the County of Middlesex during the quarter, $158.50. Audited by the chairman of the Hospital Committee. Out of four deaths which occurred in hospital during the quarter, three were buried by friends, independent of the city. STEPHEN GRANT, Hospital Steward, June 30th, 1876.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Ald. Lewis, Chairman, submitted the following report of the Finance Committee:

Your committee beg to report having examined the following accounts, and recommend payments of the same:

Hospital account for June ...$	488 59
Relief account.....	52 12
Police Station.....	4 25
Incidental expenses.....	17 32
City Hall expenses.....	21 45
Advertising debentures.....	69 50
Law expenses, re McKay.....	340 93
Pay sheet for city offices.....	3,160 00
Fire Department.....	813 47
John Kearn.....	40 00
Laing, McPherson Co., police clothing.....	258 32
M. D. Dawson & Co., printing	84 54
Free Press Printing Co.'s acc..	32 67
Chas. Chapman's acc.....	50 40
E. A. Taylor & Co.....	27 10
Cab hire, receiving Mayor of Detroit.....	27 00
Conklin & Moore's acc. for do.	73 00
	$5,610 66

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause, and adopted.

Ald Lewis suggested that an arbitrator be appointed to look after the interests of the city, in connection with the county jail.

Ald. Minhinnick moved, seconded by Ald. Brown, that Mr. James Durand be appointed arbitrator.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee to report. Carried.

Ald. Williams submitted the report of the Committee of Fire, Water and Gas.

Your committee recommend the undermentioned payment:

Quarterly pay sheet F. D., form 1, April to 30th June.....$	543 75
Monthly, do., for June.....	177 91
Stevens & Turner, burners, &c..	35 50
Saunders, for sheeting, etc., for tanks.....	42 28
One load of clover.....	2 28
One load of hay.....	11 75
	$813 47

Your committee beg to submit the half-yearly report of the Chief of the Fire Department for the information of the Council, and recommend that the change proposed in the last clause of the report be carried out: That the brigade be reduced from 20 to 15 men of all ranks, with the pay as recommended in previous report; the pay of Mr. Wastie to be as present, $800 per annum.

Ald. Lewis moved that the report be adopted.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the report be taken up clause by clause.

Carried.

1st Clause read and passed.

2nd Clause read and passed.

The report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Brigade for the past six months was read and tyled.

Ald. Williams said that the amount of donations received by the Fire Brigade, from citizens, was $813—this had been divided among the members. Chief Wastie and Mr. Heaver refused to share.

Ald. Lewis—The Council has nothing to say in reference to those contributions.

The matter dropped.

Ald. McPhail, Chairman of the Board of Works, reported as follows:

First—In reference to the petition of James Owrey, J. P., your committee recommend him five planks, two inches thick, twelve feet long, and not to exceed sixteen inches in width, the same to be laid under the supervision of the Street Commissioner.

Second—In reference to the petition of T. Kent for a sidewalk, your committee recommend the same to be deferred.

Third—In reference to the communication of Mr. McDonough for repairs of the sidewalk on Clarence street, opposite his new building, your committee ordered the Commissioner to have the same attended to as soon as possible.

Fourth—In reference to the petition of J. B. Strathy, your committee recommend no action.

Fifth—In reference to the bridge across the mill race on Ridout street, your committee are waiting documents from the City Clerk, and also the opinion of the Solicitor as to our liability; also in reference to the repair of Kensington bridge.

Sixth—In reference to the petition of James Bell and others, we recommend that the City Clerk confer with the Council of London East and ask them to have the nuisance abated, and as the Board of Health has jurisdiction in the places complained of we respectfully recommend you to call their attention to the same.

On motion, the report was taken up clause by clause. 1st clause read.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Minhinnick, that the clause be struck out.

Clause passed.

Ald. Minhinnick called for the yeas and Nays.

Yeas—Pritchard, Sutherland, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Murray, McPhail, Hiscox, Ross, Henderson, Brown, Christie, Williams, McColl, Partridge, sen.

Nays—Skinner, Jones, Minhinnick, Rapley.

Second clause read.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Ald. Murray, that the prayer of the petition of Mr. Thomas Kent be granted. Lost; clause passed.

Third clause read and passed.

Fourth clause read.

Clause passed. Other clauses passed without discussion.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Sutherland, that the Board of Works be empowered to put the cells in connection with the police station in a proper state of repair, and to abate the nuisance complained of; cost not to exceed $100. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Henderson seconded by Ald. Skinner, that whereas the Band of the 7th Battalion, through some difficulty with the Park Committee, have ceased playing on the Park Grounds as usual, it is therefor resolved by this council that the City Clerk be instructed to communi-

cate with the officers of the 7th Battalion for permission for the band to resume their position on the grounds. Expressing the regret of the council that any misunderstanding has occurred, depriving the city of the delight and pleasure of listening to the music.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald, that this Council considers it unwise to interfere with any misunderstanding that may exist between any officer of the 7th Battalion and any citizen, as the Council has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Ald. Minhinnick moved that the time be extended. Carried.

On motion the council adjourned for two weeks, no vote being taken on the resolutions.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 24th July, 1876.

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber. His Worship Mayor Macdonald in the chair, and the following members present: Pritchard, Campbell, Fitzgerald, McPhail, Skinner, Jones, Ross, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Lewis, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., McColl, Sutherland, Murray, Thompson.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were read:

From E. K. Slater, complaining of certain statements made by Chief Wastie in his report, in connection with the Fire Brigade Benefit Society, and asking for an investigation. Referred to the fire, water and gas committee.

From Ann McDonough, praying for exemption from taxes. Referred to finance and assessment committee.

From Mrs. Hilliard, asking that $6 unpaid taxes be struck off. Finance and assessment.

From Mrs. Winslow, complaining of over assessment. Finance and assessment.

From Catharine Oates, asking for remission of taxes. Finance and assessment.

An account from Thos. Morkin, attendance on the late James Howe, amounting to $471.50, was referred to the Hospital and Relief Committee.

From John Law, asking for a vacant office in the City Hall building for house numbering purposes. Referred to Board of Works.

From J. R. Peel, asking the Council to make good damage done to his lot on Hill street, between Clarence and Wellington, by city authorities in destroying the approach thereto. Referred to the Board of Works.

The by-law to provide for the issue of debentures was read a first, second and third time and passed.

Ald. Williams submitted a report from the Fire, Water and Gas Committee, recommending the payment of the quarterly account, amounting to $1,383.90. Received and adopted.

Ald. Fitzgerald submitted the following from the Board of Health:

1. The city has been thoroughly cleansed, under the supervision of the City Health Inspector; that there is no disease of a malignant or dangerous character, nor any epidemic existing in the city, or within the jurisdiction of the Board of Health.

2. A contract has been made with Mr. Summers to supply any quantity of lime that may be required for city cleansing purposes, and a man has been employed to distribute the same, under the instructions of the Inspector, charging those who are able to pay therefor 30 cents per bushel.

3. In reference to the nuisance caused by the oil refineries to the water in the eastern portion of the city, the Board, upon considering the matter, were doubtful whether they had any power to interfere, and therefore referred the question to the City Solicitor for his opinion, and he has given his opinion that the Board of Health has no jurisdiction to interfere with the refiners in the management of their refineries.

The chairman, however, at the request of the Board, waited on the Manager of the London Oil Refining Co., who promised to have the premises inspected at once, and if any cause of complaint existed, it would be removed without delay. Received and adopted.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Jones, that the Board of Works be

instructed to select sites for pounds, one in the north and the other in the south part of the city. Carried.

Ald. McPhail reported from the Board of Works as follows :

Your committee, having fully considered the petition of S. H. Graydon and others, in reference to purchasing the jogs on Duke and Maitland streets, recommend that no action be taken.

Your committee recommend that Mr. Owrey be allowed a culvert in front of his premises, instead of the five planks granted at the last meeting, the expenses of the said culvert not to exceed $10, and the said culvert be constructed under the supervision of the Street Commissioner.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Ross, in amendment to the report that this Council grant the sum of $3,500 for the purpose of straightening Duke street.

His Worship ruled this out, as necessitating an expenditure of money.

The mover then gave it as a notice of motion; after which the report was adopted.

Moved by Ald. Ross, seconded by Ald. Henderson, that the Fire, Water and Gas Committee be instructed to have two gas lamps placed at the following places: One on the corner of Clarence and Bond streets, and the other on the corner of Wellington and Bond streets—the same being the main approaches to the Public Park. Referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

The Council then adjourned for four weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 7th Aug., 1876.

It being necessary to repeal a by-law passed some time ago in reference to the sale of debentures, in order that the money of the last issue be paid into the credit of the city, the Board of Aldermen met at the usual time and place. Present: His Worship Mayor Macdonald in the chair, and Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Fitzgerald, McPhail, Skinner, Jones, Ross, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Christie, Williams, Lewis, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., McColl, Sutherland, Murray, Thompson.

His Worship and Ald. Lewis having briefly explained the object of the meeting, the following letter was read:

To A. S. Abbott, Esq., City Clerk.

SIR,—I enclose by-law to repeal certain by-laws passed under the authority of the Act to consolidate the debt of the city for the issue of debentures which where not issued under them. The $72,000 authorised to be issued were never issued and of the $100,000 only $94,366.66 were issued and the amount of these two was included in the $219,486 authorised to be issued by the last by-law. There is a blank left for the date of it which please fill in.

Your ob't servant,
W. R. MEREDITH.

The by-law was then read a first, second and third time and passed.

By permission of the Board (this being a special meeting) the following communication was read:

To the Mayor and Council of the City of London:

GENTLEMEN,—The extent and value of property exempt from taxation have reached large proportions in this city, being about one-seventh of the whole assessment, and we believe the same ratio will hold good throughout the country generally. It has become necessary, therefore, at once to take steps with the view of abolishing all tax exemptions.

The injustice of these exemptions is being every day more readily acknowledged by all classes, not excepting even many of those who profit by them. The question has received a great deal of attention lately in the United States as well as in Canada, and the conviction is becoming general, and has already been acted upon in some of the States, that there are not only no really sound arguments to be advanced in favor of exemptions, but that such a system is a positive injury and injustice to every ratepayer.

A petition is to be presented to the Local Legislature of Ontario by the Corporation of the City of Toronto, at the coming Session, praying for legislation on this subject. With this view it has been thought advisable to solicit the cooperation of all the different municipalities in Ontario, and we now ask you to join with us in promoting such a petition. We shall be very glad, therefore, to hear from you at the earliest opportunity, with an expression of the views of your council on this important question, and to receive whatever information you can give as to the nature and extent of all statutory exemptions in your municipality.

It may not be amiss to present here a few of the arguments in favor of abolishing all exemptions from taxation :

1st. All classes enjoying the advantages secured by taxation should pay their just and equal share of such taxation, because each person is interested in the welfare and protection of the State to the extent of his life and property.

2nd. No property of any description should be free from taxation, either general or local, because it is unjust to those who do pay to allow exemption where payment ought to and can be made.

3rd. In a free State like Canada there should be no privileged classes, because the merchant, mechanic and farm laborer are equally as necessary and useful to the State as judges, law officers and clergymen.

4th. Judges, law officers and clergymen, who are supposed to be the best instructed of our population, and who are also in the enjoyment of fixed incomes, should have no advantages over others, or be able to secure to themselves pecuniary benefits and political immunities inconsistent with the general good.

5th. The abolition of tax exemptions will not increase the revenues of any municipality, because every Municipal Council is restricted by law from imposing more taxes than is sufficient for the payment of all necessary expenses and just demands for the public good, while it will render the demands on those who now pay lighter in proportion to the amount of exemptions abolished.

I am, gentlemen, your ob't servant,

JOHN HALLAM,
Chairman, Select Committee of City Council on Exemptions.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

The Board then adjourned.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 21st Aug., 1876.

The City Council met last evening in the Council - chamber. Present — His Worship the Mayor, in the chair, and Ald. Pritchard, Sutherland, Thompson, Murray, McPhail, Jones, Hiscox, Ross, Brown, Christie, Lewis, McColl, Partridge, jr., Campbell, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Skinner, Henderson, Williams.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

The following communications were received.

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E. Winder, glazing, $8 75; cab hire for patient 50 cents; T. & E. O'Callaghan, vegetables, $10 75; Mr. Trebilcock, meat, $54 90; Mrs. Woodward, milk, $12 40; Mr. Smith, bread, 31 46; servants' wages, $54 50; Strong & Rosser, medicine, $19 72; Mr. McGloghlon, repairing clock, $2; Carling & Co., ale, $4 50; S H Smith, cleaning feathers, $11; total $304 21.

Second—That your Committee have examined the following accounts from Relief Officer Hughes, and, having found them correct, have referred them to the Finance Committee for payment, amounting to $110.15, viz: Mrs. Jones, nursing Mrs. Fairbrother's child one month, $5; Mrs. Harvey, nursing Mrs Chambers' child one month, $5; E Pratt, teaming wood, $2 40; Mrs Cocklin, keeping child one month, $5; Wm. McCracken, pass to Goderich, G. T. R., $1 65; 13 passes to different places, G. W. R., $91 10, total, $110 15.

Third—Your committee have examined the report of the Relief Officer, giving a statement of amount of cash and wood distributed for relief purposes for the month of July, amounting to $36.25, and three and a-half cords of wood; distributed as follows:

Ward.	Cash.	Wood.
1	$ 4 50	½ cord.
2	12 00	
3	6 25	2½ "
4	1 00	½ "
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Fourth—Your Committee having received an account from Mr. Edward Winder for painting the close-board fence at Hospital, said work having been done in July last year, after making necessary enquiry into the matter, beg leave to report that said painting account be paid at the rate of 16 cents per yard, subject to the measurement of the City Engineer as to number of yards.

Fifth—Your Committee, to whom was referred the account of Thos. Morkin, report progress.

Sixth—Your Committee request that $200 be placed to the Relief Committee.

On motion the report was taken up *seriatim*.

The first three clauses were read and passed.

Fourth clause read.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. McPhail, that the 4th clause be referred back to the committee.

The amendment was carried, twelve voting in its favor.

The report was then adopted as amended.

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Your committee beg leave to report having examined the following accounts, and recommend the payment of same

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On motion the Council adjourned for two weeks.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 5th Sep., 1876.

The Board of Aldermen met at the usual time and place, His Worship Mayor Macdonald in the chair, and the following members present: Messrs. Pritchard, Fitzgerald, Skinner, Ross, Jones, Brown, Williams, Lewis, Rapley, Christie, McColl, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Murray, Hiscox, Henderson, Minhinnick, Campbell, Thompson.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following communications were read:

From A. Isaac, village clerk, London East, informing the city authorities that a certain nuisance should be attended to. Referred to the Board of Health.

From W. H. Fraser, of the Ontario advisory board (Canadian Centennial commission), in reference to delegates being appointed by London to go to Ottawa to further trade with Australia. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Messrs. Bartram & Love, solicitors on behalf of Mr. John Sharman, a Civil Service employe, claiming exemption of income tax, owing to recent decisions by Judge Boyd, of Toronto, to the effect that the Ontario Legislature have no power to tax the income of Dominion officials. Referred to City Solicitor.

From Thos. W. Tracy, who has leased one of the stores in the City Hall building, asking the privilege of connecting a soft water pipe to his store with the closets adjoining. Granted.

From M. Edgar, asking for aid to Infants' Home, Toronto. Referred to Hospital and Relief Committee.

A petition was then read from Marshall, Lind & Macfie and 24 others, asking that the engineer be instructed to inspect Strathy's block, corner Dundas and Ridout streets, the same being in a very dilapidated condition. Referred to Board of Works and City Engineer.

Ald. Brown, chairman, submitted the following from the Hospital and Relief Committee:

First—Your Committee having considered the 4th clause of the last monthly report, it having been referred back to Committee, would still recommend the payment of the same at the rate named in said report; but in doing so we consider it rather an informal way to recommend the payment of this account, as it should have been passed for payment by our predecessors.

Second—Your Committee would recommend that the communication of J. W. Langmuir, Inspector of Hospitals, &c., be fyled for future consideration.

Third—Your Committee recommend that no action be taken on the petition of Jacob Abdellah, asking for assistance to go to Montreal.

Fourth—On the account of Mr. Thos. Morkin your Committee beg leave to report progress.

Fifth—Your Committee having examined the following accounts for hospital supplies and been found correct, amounting to $252.83, for the month of August, have referred the same to the Finance Committee for payment, viz.:—T. E. O'Callaghan, groceries, $85.86; Mrs. Brooks, groceries, $8.03; Mrs. Woodward, milk, $12.40; servants' wages, $46; J. B. Smith, bread, $29.81; James Cowan, hardware, $8.80; Trebilcock, meat, $46.34; Strong & Rosser, medicine, $15.89; total, $252.83.

Sixth—The monthly report of the Hospital Steward was examined, found correct and fyled.

Seventh—Your Committee having advertised for tenders for hospital supplies for one year, ending Aug. 31st, 1877, recommends the acceptance of the following tenders, being the lowest, viz.:—Interment, Wm. Hinton, adults, $4.50,

children, $2.50. Bread, Jas. B. Smith, 2¾ cents per lb. Meat, Bricklin & Powell, hind quarters 6 cents per lb., fore do 5½ cents; mutton, hind quarters, 7 cents, fore do. 6 cents. Milk, Mrs. Woodward, 4 cents per quart. Groceries, Tytler & Rose.

On motion the report was received and committed, Ald. Williams in the chair.

The first clause being read, it was moved by Ald Hiscox, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that it be struck out.

Ald. Jones moved that it do pass, seconded by Ald. Skinner.

On the vote being taken on the amendment, it was carried, and Ald. Hiscox's motion declared lost.

The remainder of the clauses passed with little or no discussion, when the committee rose and reported. It was then moved that the report pass as amended, when Ald. Hiscox's motion, to strike out the first clause was again put and lost.

Yeas—Pritchard, Campbell, Fitzgerald, Hiscox, Christie, Partridge, sen., Partridge, jun.

Nays—Murray, Skinner, Jones, Ross, Henderson, Minhinnick, Brown, Rapley, Williams, Lewis, McColl, the Mayor.

FIRE, WATER AND GAS.

Ald. Williams, Chairman, read the following from the Fire, Water and Gas Committee:

The undermentioned accounts are recommended for payment:

Electro Alarm Co., Toronto	$ 49 60
T. Brown, repair to boiler	1 50
McBride, sundries	14 93
F. Beaufort, Detroit	4 00
R. Lewis, paints, &c.	5 45
S. Stewart, step-ladder	3 25
R. Dennis, horse-shoeing, &c.	25 52
C. Rudd, horse medicine	10 75
J. Wright & Co., hardware	7 69
Burns & Co., sundries	22 10
Tanton & Co., feed	4 00
W. Robinson, chemicals	39 14
Leonard & Sharp, oils &c.	14 16
Strong & Rosser, drugs	3 09
Priddis Bros., flannel	1 00
Mrs. Hays, washing, F. D.	16 15
W. Riddle	2 90
Bryan & Proctor, filling tanks	40 00
Pay sheet for discharged man	25 68
T. Brown, acc't repairing boiler	6 60
Pay sheet for August	245 81
Total	$543 46

Your Committee report progress in the matter of the petitions of the residents of Bond street and Maitland street for a gas lamp; also, upon the motion of Ald. Ross for two lamps in the City Park.

After an unimportant discussion, relative to the filling of tanks—

The report was received and adopted.

FINANCE.

Ald. Lewis, chairman, reported as follows from the finance committee:

1st. Your committee beg to report, having examined the following accounts, and recommend payment of same:

Fire Department	$503 46
W. Robinson, expenses to Ottawa	36 00
John M. Keary	40 00
M. D. Dawson & Co.	27 79
Hospital account	253 83
	$861 08

2nd. Your committee also beg to report, having instructed the City Clerk to fill up and return the circular received from City Clerk of Toronto, and we would recommend the Council to lend all possible aid in furtherence of the matter referred to.

3rd. Your committee beg to submit the estimates for the year, and hope the same will meet with your approval.

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1876.

The following are the annual estimates of the receipts and disbursements of the City of London for the year 1876, to be provided for by taxation:

ASSETS.

Pedlars' Licenses	$	18
Tavern and Store Licenses		10204
Bagatelle "		253
Auctioneers' "		240
Cab "		150
Carters' "		184
Livery Stable "		300
Temperance "		220
Billiard Table "		413
Fish Market		168
Butcher Stalls		1000
Basement Stalls		160
Wood Market		590
Weigh Scales		840
Market Rent		5126
Exhibitions and Concerts		688
Fees and Fines from Police Court		1800
Fees from City Clerk		250
Absentee Lands, say		400
Hospital Patients, including County and Savings Bank Fund		4938
Hospital Grant from Government		3526

HOUSE AND STORE RENTS.

Hyman	$ 800		
Childs	300		
Brown	550		
		1650	
Broken Front Lots	$ 140		
Ross Farm, say	3000		
Lot of 20f, on Plank Road	240		
		3380	
Government Portion of Clergy Fund, say		800	
Sale of Ordnance Buildings		800	
L. & P. S. R. R. Rent from G. W. R. Co		17760	
			$ 54958
Drain Tax	$ 2480		
Commutation of Statute Labor		2900	
			5380
18 Mills on the $ on $8,485,071			152731
			$213069

LIABILITIES.

Amount expended in 1876 over estimates, including discount on the sale of Debentures from face value, viz.:—		
Discount on sale of $194,366 sold here	$ 771	
Discount and Com. on £31,000 stg. Deb. sold by Mr. Beecher	18089	
	$18860	
Less provided for 1875, say	8000	
		$10860
City Hall, Fuel and Repairs	800	
Relief to Paupers	2300	
Hospital Expenses	10000	
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	1800	
Incidental Expenses	500	
Park Committee	600	
Board of Health	200	
Insurance Account	900	
Election Expenses	430	
Board of Works	10000	
General Improvements	4000	
Ordnance Buildings, say	20000	
		62390

SALARIES.

A. S. Abbott, City Clerk	$1200
John Brown, Treasurer	1100
Wm. Robinson, Engineer	800
T. Winnett, Weigh Clerk	800
W. Owen, Commissioner	700
D. Hughes, Relief Officer	500
E. Beltz, Clerk Wood Market	350
R. Mawhinney, Janitor, City Hall	440
Two Assessors	1000
Two Collectors	2200
Two Auditors	200
City Solicitor, say	400
B. Higgins, License Inspector	200
Mayor's Office Expenses	600
J. Keary, Assistant, Clerk's Office	200
	10690

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

L. Lawrason, P. M.	$1400
R. Wigmore, Chief of Police	1000
Sergt. Baskerville	720
Sergt. Crawford	600
Two Detectives, each $552.50	1105
Fifteen Police	7483
Police Clothing	400
Police Station Repairs	400
	13108

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries for fifteen men	$ 3950
D. Morgan, janitor	300
Horse feed, shoeing, harness, repairs, tools	365
Fuel, oils, cleaning materials	200
Repairs to apparatus and station	150
Washing and mending bed clothing	40
Batting, lime and sundries	125
1000 ft. of hose	1200
20 ft. of suction hose for No. 1 station	75
Two Babcock extinguishers for Hook and Ladder truck	100
	6505
Gas Co., street lamps, &c.,	6380
County of Middlesex, use of jail and jury expenses	4239
County of Middlesex, on acct. of old acct	2000

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Debentures, 6 per cent. int. on £71,600 stg., and expenses	$22650	
Debentures, 7 per cent. int. on $194,366, sold here	13606	
Debentures, 6 per cent. int. on $100,000, London, Huron & Bruce	6000	
Debentures, 5 per cent. int. on $486,068, Government, under M. L. F.	24687	
Interest to Bank, say	3000	
		69943
2 per cent. of Sinking Fund on $564,720, deb.	$11295	
5 per cent. of Sinking Fund on $100,000, London, Huron & Bruce Deb	5000	
		16295
School Trustees		20000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS..		$211550
Uncollected Taxes, say..		1519
		$ 213069

R. LEWIS,
Chairman Finance Committee.

On motion of Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Jones, the report was considered clause by clause—all of which passed, when the report was received and adopted.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Jones, that His Worship the Mayor and Alds. Lewis and Partridge, jr., be a deputation to go to Hamilton during the meeting of the Provincial Exhibition, and that they be instructed to use every endeavor to secure the meeting in London in 1877.

Ald. Christie moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the matter be referred to exhibition committee, to report at next meeting. Carried.

Ald. Campbell inquired the cause of the delay in the sale of the last debentures.

Ald. Lewis replied. The speaker and the City Solicitor spoke to Mr. Edward Harris in reference to the sale, and he (Harris) promised to see about it in England. After Mr. Harris had been in Europe some months, and the Finance Committee not receiving any word from him, they determined to advertise the debentures for sale. McCord & Co., of Toronto, the present holders, tendered, and their offer was accepted. After a day or two, however, a rumor got abroad that McCord & Co. intended to back out, and the speaker, acting on the advice of the city solicitor, went to Toronto with the debentures and saw McCord & Co. Here he learned that the Bank of Montreal had refused to advance McC. & Co. the money as it promised, owing to certain representations made by a citizen of London (Mr. Beecher) detrimental to McCord & Co. These gentlemen finally got accommodation at the Bank of Commerce. Hence the delay.

In reply to an Alderman, Ald. Lewis said the city had lost nothing by the delay.

The matter then dropped.

The Council then adjourned for one week.

City Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 11th Sep., 1876.

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council chamber at the usual hour. Present—His Worship the Mayor, in the chair, and Aldermen Pritchard, Sutherland, Fitzgerald, Thompson, McPhail, Skinner, Ross, Minhinnick, Christie, Williams, McColl, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Campbell, Henderson, Murray, Hiscox, Brown, Lewis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved of, and signed by the Mayor.

The following communications were received:

From Mr. James Cowan, inviting the Council to attend the laying of the corner stone of the Protestant Orphans' Home.

Moved by Ald. Lewis, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the communication be received, and that as many of the members of the Board attend as can make it convenient. Carried.

From Wm. Williams, account, posting bills, $4.

From the London Water Works Co., asking for certain privileges. Referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

From the Provisional Directors of the London Water Works Company submitting the following documents:

To the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of the City of London:

The petition of the undersigned sheweth,

That we, being desirous of forming a company to supply the city of London with water, have made the necessary declaration required by cap. 65 of the consolidated statutes of Canada, a copy of which is hereto annexed, and do hereby request that you will be pleased to make a by-law granting authority to us as a company to lay down pipes for the conveyance of water under the streets, squares and other public places of the city of London, in accordance with the provisions of said act (cap. 65).

Dated this 11th day of September, A.D. 1876.

(Signed) Geo. Moorhead, John McClary, John Elliott, E. W. Hyman, Thos. Muir, Benj. Cronyn, Geo. S. Birrell, Chas. Murray, Isaac Waterman.

DECLARATION OF THE COMPANY.

Know all men by these presents,

We, the undersigned, George Moorhead, John McClary, John Elliott, Thos. Muir, Ellis W. Hyman, Benj. Cronyn, George S. Birrell, Charles Murray and Isaac Waterman, desiring to form a company for supplying the city of London with water, under the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Canada, entitled "An Act respecting Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for supplying cities, towns and villages with gas and water," being cap. 65 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, do hereby declare as follows:

1. The corporate name of the Company shall be "The London Waterworks Company."

2. The object of the Company is the supply of water to the city of London and the inhabitants thereof.

3. The capital stock of the Company shall be seventy-five thousand dollars, divided into shares of twenty dollars each.

4. The number of shares which said stock is to consist is three thousand seven hundred and fifty.

5. There shall be nine directors to manage the concerns of the Company, and the following named persons shall be directors for the first year: George Moorhead, John McClary, John Elliott, Thos. Muir, Ellis W. Hyman, Benjamin Cronyn, George S. Birrell, Charles Murray and Isaac Waterman.

It is intended to carry on the operations of the Company in the city of London.